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LETTER DATED 26 MAY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and drop heat flares have continued over the period 11 to 20 May 1994.

11 May 1994

Southern region: 45 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Chabaish, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

12 May 1994

Southern region: 60 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

13 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 87 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Lasaf, Qal'at Salih, Chabaish, Jalibah and Artawi.

14 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 31 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman,

Qurnah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Amarah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

At 1250 hours on 14 May 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraq's airspace over Busayyah. It left at 1520 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

15 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

16 May 1994

Southern region: 48 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Khidr, Samawah, Artawi, Amarah, Qurnah, Shatrah, Chabaish and Qal'at Salih.

17 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Amarah, Basra, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, and Busayyah.

At 1540 hours on 17 May 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraq's airspace over Basra. It left at 1848 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

At 1650 hours on 17 May 1994, hostile aircraft dropped six heat flares on the Turan slope on the road between Mosul and the Shaykhan district of the Ninawa Governorate.

At 1650 hours on 17 May 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped one heat flare in the Shaykhan district of the Ninawa Governorate.

18 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1300 hours on 18 May 1994, hostile aircraft dropped three heat flares on the Turan slope on the road between Mosul and the Shaykhan district in the Ninawa Governorate.

19 May 1994

Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Shanafiyah, Lasaf and the area to the south of Najaf.

20 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah and Qurnah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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